

# NM EQIP FY 2004 Ranking Criteria Worksheet - Grazing Lands - Lordsburg F.O.

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Farm No. \_\_\_\_\_ Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ CMS Field No's. \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal Land \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Tribal Land \_\_\_\_\_ Preliminary Rating \_\_\_\_ Final Rating \_\_\_\_

## 1. Plants - 60 Potential Points (25% of Total)

Note: Instructions on separate sheet		% Area in Contract Before Treatment		% Area in Contract After Treatment.		Potential Points	Bench-mark Points	After Points	
<b>Rangelands:</b>  Ecological Site Similarity Index (SI)*	SI of 76-1 00 w/trend up or not apparent		%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	60			
	SI of 51-75 with upward trend		%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	50			
	SI of 51-75 with downward trend		%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	40			
	SI of 26-50 with upward trend		%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	30			
	SI of 26-50 with downward trend		%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	20			
	SI of 0-25 with upward trend		%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	10			
	SI of 0-25 with downward trend		%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	0			
<b>Riparian:</b>	Use Attachment 1, 2, or 3	% Quality Bench Mark: _____	%	% Quality After: _____	%	60			
<b>Grazed Forest:</b>	Use Attachment 4	% Quality Bench Mark: _____	%	% Quality After: _____	%	60			
<b>1. Plants</b>			Total	100%	Total	100%	<b>Total:</b>		

## 2. Conservation Practice(s) Selection - 165 Potential Points (65% of Total)

Any practice used in the ranking criteria and intended to be included in the conservation plan of operations must be a cost-shared practice or have an incentive payment. Higher priority (value) should be given to those practices which address multiple resource concerns, are cost effective, and have longer life spans. For Water Distribution to receive points under a resource concern, the practices installed must increase the effectiveness of the current water distribution system, and the addition of the water distribution system must benefit the resource concern. Contact the Lordsburg NRCS Office at (505) 542-9141 with specific questions.		Potential Points	Percent of Need to be Installed	After Points
<b>Soil Erosion - Sheet and Rill</b>				
Water Distribution - L/S Well (642), Pumping Plant (533), Pipeline (516), Trough (614)		20		
Fencing (382)		15		
Brush Management (314)		10		
Erosion Control - Diversion (362), Grade Stab. Struct. (410), Stream Habitat Imp. & Mgmt. (395)		5		
Range Planting (550)		5		
<b>Water Quantity - Restricted Capacity from Sediment Deposition</b>				
Water Distribution - L/S Well (642), Pumping Plant (533), Pipeline (516), Trough (614)		20		
Brush Management (314)		10		
Erosion Control - Diversion (362), Grade Stab. Struct. (410), Stream Habitat Imp. & Mgmt. (395)		5		
<b>Water Quality - Surface Water Contaminants</b>				
Water Distribution - L/S Well (642), Pumping Plant (533), Pipeline (516), Trough (614)		20		
Fencing (382)		15		
Brush Management (314)		10		
Erosion Control - Diversion (362), Grade Stab. Struct. (410), Stream Habitat Imp. & Mgmt. (395)		5		
<b>Plants - Condition - Productivity</b>				
Water Distribution - L/S Well (642), Pumping Plant (533), Pipeline (516), Trough (614)		20		
Fencing (382)		15		
Brush Management (314)		10		
Erosion Control - Diversion (362), Grade Stab. Struct. (410), Stream Habitat Imp. & Mgmt. (395)		5		
Range Planting (550)		5		
<b>Animals - Habitat - Food, Cover, or Shelter</b>				
Water Distribution - L/S Well (642), Pumping Plant (533), Pipeline (516), Trough (614)		20		
Fencing (382)		15		
Brush Management (314)		10		
Range Planting (550)		5		
<b>2. Conservation Practice Selection</b>		<b>Total:</b>		

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## 3. Other Considerations - 25 Potential Points (10% of Total)

	Potential Points	Benchmark Points	After Points
A. At risk species habitat will be enhanced. (List the species impacted)	5	0	
B. Treatment of this land could have a beneficial impact on a 303d listed stream segment.	5	0	
C. Treatment of this land could enhance the benefits of an active or planned sec. 309 project.	5	0	
D. The land is within a NMED designated Category I watershed.	5	0	
E. Proposed contracted area will be treated to eradicate and/or prevent infestation of Class A and/or Class B noxious weeds, as designated by NMDA	5	0	
<b>3. Other Considerations</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>0</b>	

Total Points (After minus Benchmark): Section 1\_\_\_\_\_ Section 2\_\_\_\_\_ Section 3\_\_\_\_\_ Total for Worksheet \_\_\_\_\_

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Designated Conservationist

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Date